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SUBJECT: GREEK DEPUTIES TO CYPRUS

1. AN INTER-PARTY DELEGATION OF TEN DEPUTIES PLANS TO TRAVEL TO CYPRUS THIS WEEKEND IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION FROM THE CYPRIOT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THE DELEGATES WILL PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUP AGAINST MAKARIOS.

2. HEADING THE GROUP IS NEW DEMOCRACY (ND) DEPUTY DIMITRIOS PAPASPYROU, FORMER PRESIDENT OF PARLIAMENT AND PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF ITS JUSTICE COMMITTEE. THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION ARE T. RENTIS, D. ALIBRANTIS, I. FIKIORIS, AND M. GALENIANOS OF THE ND PARTY. CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES PARTICIPANTS ARE A. KOKKEVIS AND M. STEFANIDIS; PASOK - I. PAPASPYROU; KKE (EXTERIOR) - K. KAPPOS; KKE (INTERIOR) - L. KYRKOS. (NOTE: ONE MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION TOLD US THAT OPPOSITION LEADER GEORGE MAVROS HAS BEEN INVITED TO CYPRUS INDEPENDENTLY OF THE INTER-PARTY GROUP AND WILL SPEAK DURING THE MAIN MEETING ON JULY 20.)

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3. IN ADDITION THE PARLIAMENT'S "INTER-PARTY COMMITTEE

OF DEPUTIES IN SUPPORT OF CYPRUS" ISSUED
A PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF THE COUP AGAINST
MAKARIOS AND THE TURKISH INVASION EXPRESSING "DETESTA-
TION AND DEEPEST RESENTMENT AT THE DESPARATE CRIMES
COMMITTED AGAINST INDIVIDUALS AND THE PRINCIPLES OF
PEACE, INDEPENDENCE AND HUMANITY".

4. OTHER OBSERVANCE ACTIVITIES OF THE ANNIVERSARY IN
ATHENS ARE LIMITED TO A RALLY SCHEDULED FOR
JULY 17 AND A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WAS HELD ON
JULY 16, BY K. SANTRA, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE WORLD
COUNCIL OF PEACE, AND CYPRUS DEPUTY CHRISTOS CHRISTOFIDIS,
WHO ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, IS HERE TO REPRESENT
PRESIDENT MAKARIOS DURING THE OBSERVANCE OF SOLIDARITY WITH CYPRUS
WEEK IN ATHENS. THE PRESS CONFERENCE PRODUCED
PREDICTABLE REMARKS WITH REGARD TO LAST SUMMER'S CYPRUS
CRISIS. SUPPORT WAS EXPRESSED FOR THE FULL IMPLE-
MENTATION OF UN RESOLUTIONS. THE ONLY OTHER EVENT
SCHEDULED HERE IS A MEMORIAL SERVICE TO BE HELD IN THE
ATHENS CATHEDRAL ON JULY 20.
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